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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PINT, QA

SUBJECT: QATARI EMBASSY REQUESTS APPROVAL FOR SALE OF
TEN M-16 RIFLES

REFERENCE: DOHA 288

1. QATARI EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS REQUESTED MC APPROVAL
FOR SALE OF 10 M-16 RIFLES TO FOREIGN MINISTER SHAIKH
SUHAYM. PURCHASE, IF APPROVED, WOULD BE FROM CRAWFORD
INTERNATIONAL. IN DISCUSSING SALE WITH MC, QATARI EMBOFF
SAID WEAPONS WERE FOR SUHAYM'S "PERSONAL USE" AND "TO GO
OUT HUNTING."

2. PREVIOUS REPORTS (REFTEL) ON RULING FAMILY'S FEUD
MAKE US PAUSE IN WHAT WOULD BE NORMAL APPROVAL OF REQUEST.
WE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT WISH TO HAVE THE USG APPEAR TO BE CO-
OPERATING IN A CLANDESTINE ARMS BUILDUP. ON THE OTHER
HAND, WE DO NOT WISH TO OFFEND SHAIKH SUHAYM OVER WHAT
UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE A ROUTINE MATTER.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON LIKELY EFFECT
OUR APPROVAL OR REFUSAL OF SHAIKH SUHAYM'S REQUEST WOULD

HAVE ON OUR RELATIONS WITH HIM AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WITH
GOQ. WOULD ALSO LIKE YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER WE MIGHT
SUGGEST TO GOQ THAT ALL SUCH SMALL ARMS REQUESTS BE
CONSOLIDATED IN PERIODIC ORDERS FOR CONSIGNMENT TO SINGLE

GOQ AGENCY (PRESUMABLY MOST LOGICAL CHOICE WOULD BE
DEFENSE FORCE).
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